Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 06:00 on Wednesday 04 Oct 2023 until 23:59 on Thursday 05 Oct 2023

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 04 Oct 2023 at 02:56 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for a very wet spell of weather, low for any improvement over the weekend.

Headline for Wednesday 04 Oct 2023: Cloudy with heavy rain affecting most places in the morning and early afternoon then brightening from the north later. Windy.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 04 Oct 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
Low Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility
High Likelihood

Thunderstorms
Low Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
High Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Cloudy	Sunny intervals	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability					
60%	80%	90%	30%	20%	10%

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Weather: Arran may dry up for a time in the morning but heavy rain will affect areas further north, with the chance of thunder. During the afternoon the heaviest rain will sink south returning to Arran while Lochaber Argyll and the Trossachs will gradually brighten from the north to bring sunny intervals and more isolated showers.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 25%, improving 75% from the north during the afternoon.

Low Cloud and visibility: Overcast with cloud widely 500-750m in the rain with some lower patches then becoming more broken from the north later bases lifting 900m, though Arran holding on to the lower cloud into the evening. Poor visibility at times in the rain, becoming mainly good in the north later.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	36/44 SW	41/51 SW	28/36 SW	27/35 W	26/33 SW	21/27 SW	19/24 S
900	25/32 SW	32/43 SW	22/29 W	19/26 W	19/26 W	16/21 W	13/17 SW
600	31/38 SW	31/39 SW	23/29 SW	21/28 SW	24/30 SW	16/21 SW	14/18 SW
300	16/24 SW	20/30 SW	13/19 SW	13/19 W	10/17 SW	8/13 SW	8/12 S
Glen	10/22 SW	11/24 SW	10/20 W	11/21 W	9/20 W	5/14 SW	4/8 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
1300	5/-1	5/-1	3/-4	3/-4	2/-4	2/-4	2/-4
900	7/2	7/2	5/0	6/1	5/0	5/0	4/1
600	9/5	9/5	7/3	8/4	7/3	7/3	7/4
300	11/8	11/8	10/7	10/8	10/7	9/7	9/7
Glen	13/11	12/10	12/10	13/11	11/9	11/10	10/9
Freezing Level*	1900m	2100m	1800m	1600m	1500m	1500m	1500m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Nothing extra

Forecast for Thursday 05 Oct 2023
Weather: Cloud and occasional rain returning north in early hours. The day cloudy with further outbreaks of rain through the day, some on the heavy side. Rain possibly turning light and drizzly in the evening but with extensive poor visibility and lower cloud.

Maximum wind: South or southwest 30 gusts 45mph.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 10%

Low Cloud and visibility: Extensive cloud at 500-750m lowering to 300-500m later with occasionally poor visibility even away from cloud in drizzly rain.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 13 Celsius rising to Plus 15
At 800m: Plus 5 Celsius rising to Plus 8
Freezing level: Above the summits.

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